

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

*1920 Resolutions.*—There is a remote region where there are no coal strikes and where the atmosphere is most ardent that is described by sacred writers and theological commentators as a place paved with good resolutions. It is not the making, however, but the breaking of good resolutions that prepare them for such paving purposes. . . .

Resolute men and women who never let the native hue of resolution be "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought" have blazed the way in every useful field of human endeavor, particularly in the field of medicine.

During 1920 several acid tests will be applied that will determine the real interest that every ethical member of our profession in this State takes in the progress of scientific medicine. Measures will confront us on the 1920 ballot that are definitely designed to undermine the very foundations of scientific research and create chaos in the administration of our Medical Practice laws. . . .

During the year that has passed since Armistice Day there has been time to accumulate and appraise a large part of the valuable health lessons that have come out of the war. . . .

Let no one vainly try to do during 1920 what can only be accomplished by concerted effort. The biggest things in life cannot be accomplished by one individual playing a solitary game. It has been well said that the person who thinks he can get along without others is foolish, and if he thinks others cannot get along without him he is a fool.

As a permanent 1920 resolution, let us cultivate the cooperative spirit and all highly resolve, that by applying the helpful agencies known to modern medicine, we will make our part of the world a better place to live in, and that unselfishly and unflinchingly we will fulfill our professional and civic duties.

In this way we will not only initiate a new calendar but a new era of development.

### EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

*From an Article on "Question of Improving Business Methods and Increase of Fees," by P. A. Jordan, M.D., San Jose, California.*—Physicians as a class are untrained in business, and the physician's professional work is usually carried on in an unbusiness-like manner. His business methods may be improved by following the succeeding suggestions.

The arrangement of the physician's office is often not of the best. . . .

Having secured a good plant with which to carry on his business, it remains for the physician to sell his services to his patrons as truly as does the clerk in the department store. . . .

I think one of the most important points in the business life of the physician, and the one which is most often neglected, is a heart to heart talk with the patient at the time of his first visit. . . .

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

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### Board Proceedings

Only 37 applicants presented themselves for written examination at the October meeting of the Board. This examination was held in the Business and Professions Building in Sacramento. The results of said written examination will be released at an early date.

At the recent oral examination held in San Francisco 75 examinees presented themselves for oral examination. These included physicians who had been licensed in other states more than ten years ago, as well as members of the armed forces, who applied on an examination not considered equal to the California examination given on the same date. This was one of the largest groups of oral examinees we have had. There was a higher percentage of failures in this examination than has been previously recorded.

The next written examination will be held in Los Angeles February 27-March 2, 1945. The next oral examination will be held at Elks Club, in Los Angeles, January 21, 1945.

The Board of Medical Examiners was ordered by the Superior Court of San Francisco on October 17, 1944, to restore the certificate of Lilly L. Koerber, previously revoked. The Board, in compliance with the Court Order did restore this certificate; however, an appeal has been filed which will be heard in the near future.

### News

"Regular law and motion calendar of the fourth district court of appeal will be held next Tuesday at the court's San Bernardino headquarters, 263 Third Street. Fifteen cases are set for hearing, including the appeal of Dr. Clyde A. Pierson, appealing from a conviction of abortion. It is likely, however, that the Pierson case will be continued to the December calendar of the court of possibly to the January calendar in Fresno." (San Bernardino Telegram, November 9, 1944.)

"And now it's the 'green death'—add this term to the colorful demi-world expressions which have come into use among thrill-seekers to describe the modern drugs which they find can produce more of a jag than liquor. According to H. F. Dowdy and L. M. Bales, inspectors for the State Board of Pharmacy, who are engaged in a widespread campaign to curb illegal sale of the drugs, not only juveniles but many adults have taken up their use." . . . (Los Angeles Herald and Express, November 27, 1944.)

"On his plea of guilty in police court this morning to a charge of loitering around a school ground, Dr. Clarence H. Koennecke, 41, of 813 North Granada Avenue, Alhambra, had his case continued for sentence until next Wednesday morning. The suspect was released on \$500 bail and Judge Kenneth C. Newell requested further investigation be conducted. Dr. Koennecke was arrested on

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